Look at the underlined words in the text. Match them with the definitions. Drag and drop.



Rafting on the Dniester River

The Dniester River **stretches** from the Carpathian mountains to the Black Sea and it is a perfect place for water adventures. The length of the main waterway of Western Ukraine is 1,362 km. The Dniester is considered to be one of the most attractive areas for rafting in Ukraine. It is a calm river with few rapid and rocky sections, so rafting here does not require special training. Rafting on the Dniester is a safe, simple and pleasant activity all you need is standard rafting **equipment**, which is usually provided by tour organisers. While travelling along your route, you will also have a chance to see many old historical **landmarks** on the banks of the Dniester - castles, palaces and parks. You can admire them from the boat or make a stop and take a closer look.

Spring is the best time for rafting on the Dniester during this period the snow melts in the Carpathians, **ensuring** a powerful flow. The increased flow of water makes possible to travel through rocky areas that are impassable in summer. If you want to go rafting on the Dniester in the summertime, you should start from Sambir town. To begin your journey further up the river, you will have to wait for some heavy rainfall to **increase** the water level by 10-15 cm.

For 250 km, the Dniester flows through the amazingly beautiful Dniester canyon. Due to its extraordinary tectonic structure and thousands of years of water and wind activity, the Dniester canyon can **boast** of having many exceptional natural masterpieces. Here you will see lots of waterfalls and cliffs, which look like Swiss cheese because of the numerous caves and holes in them. Many local caves have interesting histories – for example, some of them served as **shelter**s for monks.

Tourists will enjoy not only floating in a boat, but also relaxing evenings around the campfire, sleeping in tents and swimming in the calm river. Those who love fishing are also in luck here: the Dniester is rich in different kinds of fish such as pikeperch, catfish, carp, **pike** and many others. In addition, you can find strawberries, cherries, and mushrooms growing in the woods there, so your dinner promises to be absolutely delicious.

As for historical landmarks, many tours along the Dniester include visits to the famous Khotyn **fortress**, the ruins of Rakovetska fortress, old palaces and castles in Buchach, Koropets, Chortkiv and other towns on the way. You will always remember your rafting tour on the Dniester as a truly unique **experience**.

1 _____ a large fish that lives in rivers and lakes and eats other fish

2 _____ to cover some area or distance

3 _____ to have something that you can be proud of

4 _____ things which are used for a particular purpose, for example

a hobby or job

5 _____ to secure or guarantee

6 _____ a covered place which is made to protect from bad weather
or danger

7 _____ a building or other place that is of great historical, aesthetic, or cultural importance, and often has a special status

8 _____ a castle or other large strong building, or a well-protected place, which is difficult for enemies to enter

9 _____ to become greater in number, size or quality

10 _____ something that you do or that happens to you, especially something important that affects you

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